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EPA File No. 12R-04-R9

Don Names  
Office of General Counsel,  
Office of the Naval Inspector General  
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1254 Ninth Street, S.E.  
Washington Navy Yard DC  
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**Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint**

Dear Mr. Names:

On October 20, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint from Californians for Renewable Energy (CARE). The complaint alleges that the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7. On July 11, 2007, OCR accepted the following allegation:

SFRA's denial of meaningful public participation opportunities regarding the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard disparately impacted residents near the shipyard and, members of the group CARE.

After careful review, OCR has determined that the U.S. Department of Navy (U.S. Navy) has more direct subject-matter expertise over the issues described in the complaint and that it would be better addressed by your agency. On November 18, 2010, Ms. Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director spoke with Ms. Laurie Bortz, of your staff regarding EPA's referral of this complaint. It was agreed that EPA would refer this complaint to US Navy for any action it believes is appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Loren Hall of the OCR External Compliance Program at (202)564-0722, via electronic

mail at [hall.loren@epa.gov](mailto:hall.loren@epa.gov), or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460-1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafael DeLeon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rafael" being more prominent than the last name "DeLeon".

Rafael DeLeon  
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Stephen G. Pressman, Associate General Counsel  
Civil Rights Law and Finance Office (MC 2399A)

Gina Edwards, EEO Officer  
EPA Region 9